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and Their Uses Thereof for Plant Improvement

Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

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Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the outstanding Office Action be extended one month from March 30, 2009 to April 30, 2009 by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

Authorization to charge the official fees for this filing is given in the accompanying transmittal letter.

Respectfully submitted,

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